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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 19, 2007 OFFICE ACTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 19, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 19, 2007 Office Action is due January 19, 2008. However, since January 19, 2008 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Tuesday, January 22, 2008, (Monday, January 21, 2008 being a Federal Holiday) is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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